

## **Dr. BET HELENA CAEYERS**

### **Contact information:**

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**Citizenship:** Belgian

### **Education:**

2009 - 2013 DPhil (PhD) in Economics, University of Oxford, UK  
Supervisor: Prof. Stefan Dercon  
Thesis title: 'Social networks, community-based-development and empirical methodologies'  
Nominated for best PhD thesis in 2013

2006 – 2007 MSc in Economics for Development (*Distinction, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 30 students*)  
University of Oxford, UK

2001 – 2005 BA & MA in Applied Economics (*Greatest Distinction, ranking: 1<sup>st</sup> out of 125 students*)  
University of Antwerp, Belgium

2004 – 2005 Erasmus Programme, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2000 – 2001 *Diplôme Spécial d'Etudes Françaises (3<sup>ième</sup> degré)*, University Paul Valéry,  
Montpellier, France

### **Employment:**

2022 – Present Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway  
Adjunct Associate Professor, FAIR/Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Bergen, Norway

2021 – 2022 Senior Research Associate, Economic Growth Center, Yale University, USA  
Researcher IIES/Stockholm University, Sweden  
Adjunct Associate Professor, FAIR/Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Bergen, Norway

2019 – 2021 Researcher FAIR/NHH  
FAIR (Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality)  
Norwegian School of Economics

2018 – 2019 Postdoctoral Fellow IFS/FAIR (NHH)  
FAIR (Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality)  
Norwegian School of Economics

2015 – 2018 Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London, UK  
Senior Research Economist  
Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies (EDePo)  
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London, UK

2014 – 2015 Research Economist  
Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London, UK

2013 – 2014 Global Impact Evaluation Advisor  
OXFAM GB, Oxford, UK

2011 Researcher, International Growth Centre

2008 – 2009 Project manager CWEST (*Capture With Enhanced Survey Technology*)  
Economic Development Initiatives Ltd., Bukoba, Tanzania

2007 – 2008 Economic research consultant, Economic Development Initiatives Ltd., Bukoba, Tanzania

2005 – 2006 Research assistant, Department of Economics, University of Antwerp, Belgium

### **Other affiliations/positions:**

2022 – Present Deputy Research Director, THRIVE (UKAID funded ECD research program)

2019 – Present International Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London, UK

2019 – 2022 Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Economics, University College London (UCL)

## **Teaching:**

- 2016 Lecture on Networks and Markets, as part of UCL Development Economics course (MSc in Economics students)
- 2010 - 2013 Department Teaching Associate, University College, University of Oxford  
Undergraduate courses taught: Mathematical Methods (1<sup>st</sup> year Politics-Philosophy-Economics); Development Economics (3<sup>rd</sup> year PPE); Quantitative Economics (2<sup>nd</sup> year PPE)

## **Research Fields:**

Development economics, applied microeconomics, program impact evaluation, survey methodology, child development, education, sanitation, social networks/interactions, targeting effectiveness.

## **Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships:**

- 2019-2020 Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Economics, University College London (UCL), UK
- 2016 Visiting Scholar, Freeman Spogli Institute (FSI), Stanford University
- 2013 Nominated for *Edgeworth Prize in Economics* (Prize for best PhD thesis in Economics)
- 2009-2012 Senior Scholarship, University College, Oxford
- 2010-2013 Doctoral Studentship Scheme (DSS)
- 2007 Luca d'Agliano *Prize for Best Extended Essay* (equivalent to MSc thesis), MSc in Economics for Development

## **Other academic Service:**

Referee for *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Field Methods*, *Politics and Policy*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *World Development*, *CSAE Working Paper Series*

**Languages:** Dutch (native); French (Fluent); English (Fluent); German (Basic).

**Career breaks:** Maternity leave April 2017 – December 2017 (full-time break) and January 2020 – December 2020 (half-time break)

## **Research Grants and Projects – ongoing and completed**

- 2022 – 2028 ERC; “From Household Allocations to Global Inequality: New Methods, Facts and Policy Implications” (EUR1,999,965.71), Co-I (PI: Ingvild Almås)
- 2022 – 2027 FCDO; “THRIVE: Unlocking children’s potential to thrive: research into taking ECD interventions to scale” (GBP 16 million), THRIVE Deputy Research Director + THRIVE Tanzania country PI
- 2021 – 2022 UNICEF Zambia: “Development of the National Multi-Sectoral Early Childhood Development Policy & Strategic Framework”, Co-I
- 2021 – 2027 Swedish Research Council: “Family and Childhood Development: A nationally representative longitudinal cohort study in a developing country setting” (SEK 17,953,531 ≈ 2,145,000 USD), co-I (PI: Ingvild Almås)
- 2021 – 2023 Norwegian Research Council; “Intra-Household resource allocation and targeted transfers” (NOK 12,600,000 ≈ USD 1,428,200), co-I (PI: Ingvild Almås)
- 2020 – 2024 Norwegian Research Council: “Work skills for life: a work readiness programme to prepare the transition from secondary school” (NOK 6,694 ≈ 782,000 USD), Co-I (PI: Vincent Somville).
- 2019 – 2021 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – SDAI: “Family and social effects on adoption of preventative health measures” (£257,597), Co-I (PI: Britta Augsburg).
- 2019 – 2020 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – DFID Growth Research Programme (DEGRP): “Does information provision foster or hinder the effectiveness of microcredit for human capital investments?” (£85,277), Co-I (PI: Britta Augsburg).

- 2016 – 2020 Jacobs Foundation + Global Innovation Fund: “Improving Early Childhood Development in rural Ghana through scalable low-cost community-run Play Schemes” (£720,610), Co-I (PI: Sonya Krutikova and Orazio Attanasio).
- 2012 – 2020 National Institute of Health (NIH): “Early Childhood Development for the poor: Impacting at scale”. (US\$ 2,242,585), Co-PI (PI: Costas Meghir).
- 2014 – 2017 Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF): “Early Childhood Development for the Poor - Evaluation of the Impacts – midline survey” (US\$ 439,656). Co-PI (PI: Orazio Attanasio).
- 2012 – 2017 Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF): “*Understanding the Links and Interactions between Low Sanitation and Health Insurance in India*” (US\$601,508). Co-PI (PI: Orazio Attanasio).

### **Academic Publications:**

Caeyers, B. and Fafchamps, F. 2020, “Exclusion Bias in the Estimation of Peer Effects”, Centre for Economic Policy Research, CEPR, Working Paper No 14386. *Revise and Re-submit in Journal of Human Resources*

Augsburg, Caeyers, Giunti, Malde and Smets. 2022, “Sanitation and Credit constraints – The role of labelled microcredit in India’s Swacch Bharat Mission subsidy scheme”. *Revise and Re-submit in Journal of Development Economics*

Attanasio, O., Augsburg, B., Behrman, J., Caeyers, B., Rubio-Codina, M., Day, M., Grantham-McGregor, S., Jervis, P., Makkar, P., Meghir, C., Phimister, A. and Vats, K. 2020. “Group Sessions or Home Visits for Early Childhood Development in India: a Cluster RCT”, *Pediatrics*, 146:5.

Caeyers, B., Chalmers, N. and De Weerd J., 2012, “Improving Consumption Measurement and other survey data through CAPI: Evidence from a randomized experiment”, *Journal of Development Economics* 98, p. 19-33.

Caeyers, B. and Dercon, S., 2012, “Political Connections and Social Networks in Targeted Transfer Programmes: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 60(4), p. 639-675.

### **Working Papers:**

Augsburg, Caeyers, Giunti, Malde and Smets. 2019, “Labelled Loans, Credit Constraints, and Sanitation Investments”, World Bank, Policy Research Working Paper 8845.

Augsburg, Caeyers and Malde. 2019, “Can Micro-Credit Support Public Health Subsidy Programs?”, World Bank, Policy Research Working Paper 8846.

Caeyers, B., 2014, “Peer effects in development programme awareness of vulnerable groups in rural Tanzania”, CSAE Working Paper WPS/2014-11, CSAE, Department of Economics, University of Oxford.

Caeyers, B. and Pauwels, W., 2006, “Corporatism and Macroeconomic Stabilisation Policies”, Working Paper 2006-35, Department of Economics, University of Antwerp.

### **Policy Reports, Policy Briefs, Blog Posts and Press Articles**

Om foreldres investeringer i barns utvikling (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio, B. Caeyers, C. Ringdal, and V. Somville). *Magma* 6/2019.

Abramovsky, L., Augsburg B., Bancalari, A., Caeyers, B. and Malde, B. 19 November 2019, ‘The global sanitation challenge: Is there a silver bullet?’, IFS Newspaper Article. Available online: <https://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/14604>

Augsburg B., Caeyers B., Giunti S., Malde B. and Smets. 15 May 2019, 'Labelled Loans and Sanitation Investments', Ideas for India. Available online: <https://www.ideasforindia.in/topics/human-development/labelled-loans-and-sanitation-investments.html>

Augsburg B., Caeyers B., Giunti S., Malde B. and Smets. 2018, 'Incentivizing Sanitation Uptake and Sustainable Usage through Microfinance: Endline report', IFS Endline Report.

Amadu, S., Attanasio, O., Caeyers, B., Cattan, S., Cardona Sosa, L., Krutikova, S., Leighton, P., Masselus, L. and Yakubu, M. 2018, 'Pre-school and early childhood development in rural Northern Ghana: A snapshot', IFS Briefing Note, May 2018.

Amadu, S., Attanasio, O., Caeyers, B., Cattan, S., Cardona Sosa, L., Krutikova, S., Leighton, P., Masselus, L. and Yakubu, M. 2018, 'Improving Early Childhood development in rural Ghana through scalable low-cost community-run play schemes: Baseline Report', IFS Baseline Report, May 2018.

Meghir, C., Attanasio, O., Augsburg, B., Behrman, J., Caeyers, B., Jervis, P., Day, Monimalika, Grantham-McGreggor, S., Pahwa, S. and Rubio-Codina, M. 2017, 'Early Childhood Development for the Poor: Impacting at Scale, Odisha, India: Midline Report', IFS Midline Report, November 2017.

Meghir, C., Attanasio, O., Augsburg, B., Behrman, J., Caeyers, B., Day, M., Grantham-McGreggor, S., Pahwa, S. and Rubio-Codina, M. 2016, 'Early Childhood Development for the Poor: Impacting at Scale, Odisha, India: Midline Report', IFS Baseline Report, June 2016.

Attanasio, O., Augsburg, B., Brugues, F., Caeyers, B., Malde, B., Perez-Viana, B., 2015. 'Understanding the links and Interactions between Low Sanitation and Health Insurance in India: Baseline Report', May 2015.

Augsburg, B., Caeyers, B. and Oteiza, F., 2015, 'The costs and benefits of investing in a toilet: views from Indian and Nigerian households and their policy implications', IFS Briefing note June 2015.

Caeyers, B. and Quinn, Natalie N., March 2015, "Livelihoods in Armenia: Evaluation of new economic opportunities for small-scale farmers in Tavush and Vayots Dzor regions", Project Effectiveness Review, Policy and Practice, OXFAM. Available online on <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications>.

Caeyers, B. and Fuller, R, March 2015, "Women Empowerment in Rwanda: Evaluation of women's economic leadership through horticulture planting material business", Project Effectiveness Review, Policy and Practice, OXFAM. Available online on <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications>.

Caeyers, B. and Lombardini, S., March 2015, "Women's Empowerment in Indonesia: Evaluation of Papua women's empowerment", Project Effectiveness Review, Policy and Practice, OXFAM. Available online on <http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/publications>.

Caeyers, B. 2014, "Community-based development initiatives: who in the village hears about them and who doesn't? And how?", blog post Centre for the Study of African Economies, 29 December 2014.